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DIARY NOTES

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17 September 1965

1. Dr. Tietjen called to say [REDACTED] is in Room 4287B at George Washington Hospital, having undergone a second operation. As usual, the medics will not give you any information or prognosis but Buck is very sick and his morale may be very low. He can receive visitors and telephone calls, both Sally and Elizabeth have this information.

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2. I gave Colonel White the time analysis of the presentation ceremony. He was surprised to see that he spoke for eight minutes.

3. I discussed at some length with Emmett Echols the staff work in Personnel. I explained that, under the circumstances, it was necessary for there to be extraordinary attention to detail, accuracy, and form in all Personnel papers and actions likely to come to the attention of the front office. Specifically, Emmett agreed fully that the handling of the letter from the crackpot who wants to be a spy was very poor. He had never seen the list of answers to possible questions. He is going to check into this immediately and will advise Chief, Personnel Operations Division, to crack down on his paperwork. Emmett has plans to bring in an assistant to [REDACTED] who is very excellent at writing and has a good record as a staff officer. He believes that this will help improve his procedures and accuracy. He also touched briefly on the name of the young lady working at the White House which was omitted from his report. He maintains that this was not a mistake. I explained that it made no difference if he were right or wrong as long as the front office felt he had made a mistake. He will have to work extra hard to be sure that no mistakes slip by in the future.

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